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SUBJECT: CODEL THURMOND

SENATORS STROM THURMOND (R- S.C.), JESSEE HELMS (R-N.C.) AND ORRIN HATCH (R-UTAH) VISITED THE Isthmus FOR APPROXIMATELY 24 HOURS AUGUST 18-19. A NUMBER OF AMERICAN JOURNALISTS, INCLUDING ALL THREE MAJOR TV NETWORKS, CAME TO PANAMA FOR THE OCCASION; BUT THEY MADE LITTLE SPLASH.

THE SENATORS, ALL ANNOUNCED OPPONENTS OF THE TREATY, MADE THE USUAL ROUNDS OF THE SOUTHERN COMMAND AND THE PANAMA CANAL COMPANY. AT A MEETING WITH ZONE LABOR AND CIVIC LEADERS, THEY HEARD A VARIETY OF COMPLAINTS -- MOSTLY BITTER -- AGAINST THE TREATY.

THEIR ONLY CALL ON PANAMANIAN OFFICIALS WAS ON PRESIDENT LAKAS AND MINISTER BARLETTA WHO MADE A VERY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON THEM. THIS MAY HAVE AFFECTED THEIR PERFORMANCE AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEIR TALK WITH LAKAS. THE SENATORS, THOUGH THEY SAID THEY HAD NOT CHANGED THEIR MINDS ABOUT THE TREATY, WERE MODERATE AND COURTEOUS IN THEIR REMARKS; AND THE CONFERENCE WAS SO BRIEF AS TO BE ALMOST CURT. THE  
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SENATORS DID NOT ACCEPT AN INVITATION TO ATTEND AN ANTI-TREATY RALLY IN THE ZONE THE EVENING OF AUGUST 19. (SEPTEL)

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